

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## TAX COLLECTOR BRANCHES OUT Property Tax Payments Accepted At Two Bank of America Branches

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart Hartman announced today that he will be accepting property tax payments at two Bank of American branches. The pilot program with Bank of America will be at the National City Banking Center at 235 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., and the Lemon Grove Banking Center at 3099 Lemon Grove Ave.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 3, through the close of business on Monday, Dec. 10, Treasurer-Tax Collector personnel will be stationed at the two Bank of America branches to receive in-person payments. Only payments made by check and accompanied by the payment stub will be accepted. The branches are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"In an effort to continually improve the service we provide to the citizens of this County, I am pleased to announce this pilot initiative," said Bart Hartman, Treasurer-Tax Collector. "We are joining with Bank of America to bring the tax payment services closer to the homeowners where they will have greater convenience in making their biannual property tax payments."

"The Bank of America and San Diego County program is designed to mitigate the crush of last-minute payers who typically form long lines at tax offices," said Doug Sawyer, market president for Bank of America banking centers in San Diego.

In addition to this pilot program, over the past two-years the Treasurer-Tax Collector has opened four branch offices, installed payment drop boxes, opened a tent at the County Administration Center, and implemented payments via the Internet to improve services to San Diego residents. The branch offices are located at 5473 Kearny Villa Road, in San Diego; 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, San Marcos, behind Restaurant Row; 344 F Street, Suite 200 in Chula Vista; and 200 South Magnolia in El Cajon. The tent will be open at the County Administration Center located at 1600 Pacific Highway from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday–Friday, through Dec. 10.